

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
April 5, 2023

Members Present: Thomas Bazan
Tabitha Bock
Mike Brooks
Jeanette Goza
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
Dean Williams

Members Absent: Chuck Pell, Bob Sherman, and Molly Berns

Staff Present: Emily Prather

Commissioner Williams made a motion to elect Commissioner Goza as Temporary Chair for the April meeting as the Chair and Vice Chair were absent which was seconded by Commissioner Lathan. The voice vote to elect Commissioner Goza as the Temporary Chair was unanimous.

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Temporary Chair Goza called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Temporary Chair Goza entertained a motion to approve the March minutes. A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Commissioner Bazan and was seconded by Commissioner Williams. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman's Report/Comments: None

Old Business: Temporary Chair Goza asked if there was an update on the barn book project. Staff member Prather noted she has not received any update on the progress of the book. Commissioner Brooks asked staff member Prather to send the WeTransfer link again with Commissioner Bazan's notes on the barn book.

Temporary Chair Goza asked if there was any update on the CLG grant applications. Staff member Prather noted the only information she has received is the email from Jon Pressley indicating the grant application would be made available on April 15th. Temporary Chair Goza asked staff member Prather what her role would need to be for this grant cycle. Staff member Prather noted Temporary Chair Goza was tasked with completing the grant application. Staff member Prather also noted Chairman Pell was tasked with obtaining the project quotes from all the consultants.

New Business: None

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Commissioner Bazan stated he has reached out to Representative LaHood's office in regards to the Route 66 designation bill and still has not heard back. Commissioner Williams noted he has every inch of Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles on video, which is 300 hours.

Commissioner Bock noted she did go out and take photographs of the covered bridge in Sangamon County but did not have time to fill out the survey form.

Commissioner Williams reported that the recruitment video for the Sheriff's Department is complete and the Commission will be featured in the credits for helping create the video. Commissioner Williams reported he has been in touch with the Route 66 Association and they referred him to Ace Sign Company and Ace Sign Company told him about the newly installed Neon Sign Park at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Commissioner Williams reported they have built a small drive-in for kids, have signs from the Bel-Air Motel, and other items to make it a neat new attraction for Route 66. Commissioner Williams noted with the tourism bureau they are encouraging State Senator Doris Turner and State Senator Steve McClure to adopt a tax incentive of an additional five percent south of Interstate 80 for filmmakers. Commissioner Williams noted they are not sure what will come of this bill and whether it will be just for south of Interstate 80 or include the whole state. Commissioner Williams noted the hope would be to incentivize filmmakers to come to downstate Illinois and make Sangamon County a motion picture hub. He noted the largest prop house is located in Riverton.

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Temporary Chair Goza entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brooks made a motion to adjourn the April meeting with Commissioner Bock seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather